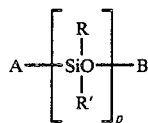


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wherein

R is as defined above and E is chloro, methoxy, ethoxy, acetoxy or hydroxy; and  
p is from 1 to 200;  
and when cyclic, A and B are chemical bonds joined together; and p is from 3 to 8;



(V)

wherein, A, B, R and p are as defined above, and R<sup>1</sup> is H or alkenyl.

10. A composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein said trifunctional units T are derived from polymerization of at least one silicon compound of the formula:



(VI)

wherein R<sup>2</sup> is R or R<sup>1</sup> and R does not take part in the cross-linking reaction and is substituted or unsubstituted and selected from the group consisting of alkyl, aryl, alkaryl, and aralkyl, and R<sup>1</sup> is H or alkenyl; and W, Y and Z are the same or different substituents which in the formation of said cross-linkable polymer are converted to volatile or otherwise easily removable by-products.

11. A composition as claimed in claim 10, wherein W, Y and Z are selected from C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkoxy, acetoxy, chloro and hydroxy.

12. A composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein said tetrafunctional residues Q are derived from polymerization of at least one silicon compound of the formula:



(VII)

wherein W, X, Y and Z are the same or different substituents which in the formation of said cross-linkable polymer are converted to volatile or otherwise easily removable by-products.

13. A composition as claimed in claim 12, wherein W, X, Y and Z are selected from, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkoxy, acetoxy, chloro and hydroxy.

14. A composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein said catalyst component (c) comprises a platinum compound.

15. A composition as claimed in claim 14, wherein said platinum compound comprises chloroplatinic acid.

16. A composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein components (a) and (b) are substantially free of polar or ionic groups.

17. A composition as claimed in claim 16 wherein said components (a) and (b) are prepared by polymerization in the presence of an acid catalyst.

18. A composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein polymer (a) is prepared from octamethylcyclotetrasiloxane; polydimethylsiloxane; tetravinyltetramethylcyclotetrasiloxane; and methyltriacetoxy-silane.

19. A composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein polymer (a) is prepared from octamethylcyclotetrasiloxane; polydimethylsiloxane; 1,1,2,2-tetramethyl-1,2-divinylsiloxane; and methyltriacetoxy-silane.

20. A composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein polymer (a) is prepared from dimethyldichlorosilane; octamethylcyclotetrasiloxane; trimethylchlorosilane; and vinyltri-chlorosilane.

21. A composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein polymer (a) is prepared from dimethyldichlorosilane; octamethylcyclotetrasiloxane; trimethylchlorosilane; vinyltrichlorosilane; and methyltrichlorosilane.

22. A composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein polymer (a) is prepared from octamethylcyclotetrasiloxane; polydimethylsiloxane; vinyltriacetoxy-silane; and methyltriacetoxy-silane.

23. A composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein polymer (a) is prepared from octamethylcyclotetrasiloxane; polydimethylsiloxane; vinyltriacetoxy-silane; and tetracetoxy-silane.

24. A composition as claimed in claims 1, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22 or 23, wherein polymer (b) is prepared from polymethylhydrogensiloxane and octamethylcyclotetrasiloxane.

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